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By Email

Dear

Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Request for Information – NHS North East & North Cumbria Integrated Care Board.

Thank you for your request received by North of England Commissioning Support (NECS) on 2 May 2023 for information held by NHS North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board (ICB) under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

For information Clinical Commissioning Groups ceased to exist on 30 June 2022. Services that were previously delivered by the CCG are now being delivered by the successor organisation NHS North East and North Cumbria (NENC ICB). NENC ICB covers the areas of County Durham, Gateshead, Newcastle, North Cumbria, North Tyneside, Northumberland, South Tyneside, Sunderland and Tees Valley (which covers the 5 councils that make it up – Darlington, Hartlepool, Middlesbrough, Redcar & Cleveland and Stockton-on-Tees).

Please find the information you requested on behalf of the ICB as follows;

Request

The questions below which I would like you to answer are designed to help me understand:

- how much money your integrated care board (ICB) spent on hospice services for children and young people with life-limiting or life-threatening conditions in 2022/23

- how many children and young people with life-limiting or life-threatening conditions in your ICB footprint accessed hospice care during 2022/23
- how much money your integrated care board (ICB) plans to spend on hospice services for children and young people with life-limiting or life-threatening conditions during 2023/24.

In order to help you meet my request, I provide definitions to the terms I use in my questions below:

Life-limiting and life-threatening conditions

“Life-limiting conditions are those for which there is no reasonable hope of cure and from which children will die. Some of these conditions cause slow deterioration over time rendering the child increasingly dependent on parents and carers.

Life-threatening conditions are those for which curative treatment may be feasible but can fail, such as cancer.”

Children and young people

Babies, children and young people aged 0-25.

My questions

1. Please set out how much money your integrated care board spent on hospice care for children and young people with life-limiting or life-threatening conditions between 6 April 2022 and 5 April 2023. Please provide a total, in addition to a breakdown of funding per children’s hospice organisation.
2. Please set out how many children and young people with life-limiting or life-threatening conditions who live in your integrated care board footprint accessed hospice care between 6 April 2022 and 5 April 2023. Please provide a total, in addition to a breakdown of funding per hospice organisation.
3. Please set out how many children and young people with life-limiting or life-threatening conditions who live in your integrated care board footprint could benefit from children’s hospice care.
4. Please set out how much money your integrated care board plans to spend on hospice care for children and young people with life-limiting or life-threatening conditions between 6 April 2022 and 5 April 2023. Please provide a total, in addition to a breakdown of funding per hospice organisation.

Response

County Durham, Newcastle Gateshead, North Tyneside, South Tyneside, Tees Valley places

In accordance with section 1 of the Act this information cannot be provided as it is not held. County Durham, Newcastle Gateshead, North Tyneside, South Tyneside, Tees Valley contract our hospices as overall indicative block values which is not split between adults and children.

The information requested may be held by the individual hospices listed below so we suggest you contact them for a response. Contact details can be found via their websites listed below.

Alice House Hospice	www.alicehousehospice.co.uk
Butterwick Hospice	www.butterwick.org.uk
Hartlepool and District Hospice	www.alicehousehospice.co.uk
Marie Curie Cancer Care	www.mariecurie.org.uk
St Cuthberts Hospice	www.stcuthbertshospice.com
St Oswalds Hospice	www.stoswaldsuk.org
St Teresa's Hospice	darlingtonhospice.org.uk
Teesside Hospice	www.teessidehospice.org
UH Hartlepool Hospice	www.alicehousehospice.co.uk
Willowburn Hospice	willowburnhospice.org.uk
Zoe's Place - Baby Hospice	www.zoes-place.org.uk

Northumberland place

In accordance with section 1 of the Act this information cannot be provided as it is not held. Northumberland place contract our hospices with Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust and only have an overall indicative block value for all hospices which is not split between adults and children. The information requested may be held by Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust, therefore we suggest you redirect your request to them via foi@northumbria.nhs.uk

North Cumbria place

The 2022/23 figure for North Cumbria place is £113,509.70 which we spend with Jigsaw. We do not hold any information re number of children who are helped by this service do you would need to contact the provider for this information via Eden Valley Hospice, who host Jigsaw. The contact at Eden Valley Hospice would be Julie.clayton@edenvalleyhospice.org

Sunderland place

Sunderland place is an associate to other place contracts so do not commission any of these services therefore this is a nil response.

In line with the Information Commissioner's directive on the disclosure of information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 your request will form part of our disclosure log. Therefore, a version of our response which will protect your anonymity will be posted on the NHS ICB website <https://northeastnorthcumbria.nhs.uk/>.

If you have any queries or wish to discuss the information supplied, please do not hesitate to contact me on the above telephone number or at the above address.

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to the Senior Governance Manager using the contact details at the top of this letter quoting the appropriate reference number.

If you are not content with the outcome your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the Information Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by The North of England Commissioning Support Unit.

The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

www.ico.gov.uk

Any information we provide following your request under the Freedom of Information Act will not confer an automatic right for you to re-use that information, for example to publish it. If you wish to re-use the information that we provide and you do not specify this in your initial application for information then you must make a further request for its re-use as per the Re-Use of Public Sector Information Regulations 2015 www.legislation.gov.uk . This will not affect your initial information request.

Yours sincerely

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